

**Notice of Allowability**

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09/914,765

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendments and arguments filed 12/8/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5-8,10,11,14-29,31-44 and 50.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
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  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with J. Vockrodt on 1/24/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The first paragraph reads:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 5, "A" has been replaced by ---The---.

Claim 5, "wherein any dilution of the sample has been performed" has been replaced by

---further comprising diluting the sample---

Claim 6, "A" has been replaced by ---The---.

Claim 7, "A" has been replaced by ---The---.

Claim 7, "wherein the proportion of dying sperm cells is also determined" has been replaced with

---further comprising determining the dying sperm cells---

Claims 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, "A" has been replaced by ---The---.

Claim 15, line 2, "total concentrations" has been replaced by  
---a total concentration of---.

Claims 16-20, , "A" has been replaced by ---The---.

Claim 20, "wherein the sample or a subsample is combined" has been  
replaced by

---further comprising combining the sample or a subsample---.

Claims 21-29, , "A" has been replaced by ---The---.

Claim 29, "BSA" has been replaced by ---bovine serum albumin---.

Claims 31-44, , "A" has been replaced by ---The---.

Claim 45 has been cancelled.

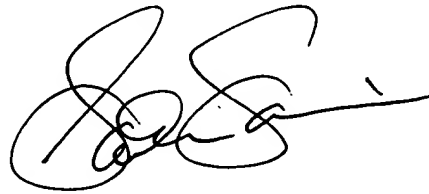
Claim 50, , "A" has been replaced by ---The---.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications  
from the examiner should be directed to Sandra Saucier whose telephone  
number is (571) 272-0922. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday,  
Tuesday, Wednesday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the  
examiner's supervisor, M. Wityshyn can be reached on (571) 272-0926. The  
fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra Saucier', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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